

**Councilmember Robert Black**

**Placer County Economic Development**

- There was a meeting in April, unfortunately I was out of Town. Rick Angelocci and I will be meeting with Jeff Bordelon to review a Business Resource Networking Hub for the Economic Development Board as part of our groups project for the Board, and possible presentation at a later date to the Chamber of Commerce.

**Placer County Air Pollution Control District**

- There was a review and approval of Pollution Control District grants for removal of obsolete engines and equipment, replaced with clean burning natural gas powered models. Also a board review and approval of the annual review of District Manager Tom Christofk, and staff.

**School Liaison**

- The Town Manager and I are scheduled to meet with the Principal and staff of Del Oro, to introduce myself, and to share any potential future residential projects that could affect the school, on May 13th.

**Business Liaison**

- I will schedule to meet with the Chamber of Commerce President and Manager, to discuss opportunities where the Town can assist local businesses, and also discuss the Business Resource Networking Hub for use by their members, once the Town Manager and I have met with Jeff Bordelon and it's available.

**Councilmember Miguel Ucovich**

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- They went over the proposed budget for 2014-15, The highlights are additional money \$80,000 for the studies of the western placer fire districts. Since the district moved from the county facilities to space owned by the Air Quality Board a 30,000 saving is being had because of reduced rent. The rest of the budget remains the same. The proposed annexation of Squaw Valley is moving ahead. An economic study is being prepared.

**Placer County Transportation Commission**

- The Board received a presentation from Caltrans District 3 about the I-80 Vertical Clearance Project, which will raise nine overcrossings in Placer County to meet the Federal standard height of 16'6". This will alleviate the current situation where larger interstate trucks must divert off of I-80 to Taylor Road or other routes to avoid these substandard overcrossings, thus impacting local traffic and pavement quality. Work on the nine overcrossings, which include Brace Road, Horseshoe Bar Road, King Road, Gillardi Road, Newcastle Road, Newcastle/Union Pacific Railroad, Weimar Cross Road, and Magra Road, will start in late May 2014 and be completed by fall 2015, with detours provided. More information is available at [www.raise80.com](http://www.raise80.com).

- The Board received a response from Caltrans District 3 on its request to consider ending the eastbound high occupancy vehicle (HOV) on I-80 at Eureka Road, to allow through vehicles to avoid the weaving movements between Eureka Road and SR 65. This would be considered a temporary safety improvement, pending the construction of planned improvements to the I-80/SR 65. Caltrans declined the request, stating that they had conferred with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and their analysis showed that there would not be a difference in traffic congestion. Staff reported that the jurisdiction engineers on our Technical Advisory Committee found this result puzzling, and they will be working with Caltrans Traffic Operations and our consultants to do more in-depth traffic analysis that could provide more options for interim improvements to the area.
- The Board also: Adopted a final amendment to the FY 2013/14 Overall Work Program and Budget; Received a report on the Federal advocacy efforts of Board Chair Jim Holmes and staff in a trip to Washington DC in March; Received an update on efforts to upgrade the I-80/Canyon Road interchange to accommodate large freight vehicles for the Crispin Cider and other local businesses; The phasing of the SR 65/Placer Parkway/Whitney Ranch Parkway Interchange continues to move forward. The City of Rocklin has now opened bids for the construction, pending the resolution of some last minute drainage issues and receipt of a permit from the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE). PCTPA/SPRTA staff has been working to facilitate discussions with the City of Rocklin, Caltrans, and ACOE to expedite the agreements and permit to ensure that construction can begin on schedule in June 2014.
- Phase 2a of the Lincoln Bypass, which adds two more lanes between Nelson Lane and .9 miles north of West Wise Road, is set to open to traffic this summer. They will be heading the PCTPA team working with Caltrans and the City of Lincoln to plan a ribbon cutting event to publicize another important infrastructure accomplishment here in Placer County. Their team will also be working with the City of Rocklin to plan a groundbreaking for the SR 65/Whitney Ranch Interchange event.
- As part of their Regional Transportation Funding Strategy effort, they have been meeting with stakeholders, decision makers, and other business, education, and community leaders to discuss their long range transportation needs and mechanisms to fund them. To date, they have met with 43 leaders around the county, with many more to go.
- Spring is here and PCTPA staff has been out in the field promoting alternative transportation through various Earth Day and May is Bike Month efforts. This includes cycling clinics co-hosted with the City of Roseville, Earth Day activities including a Sierra College fair, the Auburn Bike Festival, and Bike to Work event at Placer County offices on May 15.
- Placer Parkway continues to move forward, with the updated schedule showing the construction level environmental clearance for Phase 1 between SR 65 and Foothills Blvd to be completed by the end of 2014. Meanwhile, an outreach meeting with the Sunset Industrial Area Business Organization is planned for May 7.